

**MINUTES OF THE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 450 Capitol Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Todd Weiler, Senate Chair  
Rep. Don L. Ipson, House Chair  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Kay L. McIff  
Rep. Curtis Oda  
Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. Edward H. Redd  
Rep. Marc K. Roberts  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Earl D. Tanner

Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Rep. R. Curt Webb

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Pres. Wayne L. Niederhauser

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Lori Rammell, Legislative Assistant

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Ipson called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. McIff moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Weiler, Rep. Ray, Rep. Romero, and Rep. Ward were absent for the vote.

Mr. Brady discussed the Open and Public Meetings Act and the changes that were made to that act during the 2016 General Session.

**2. New Felonies and Enhancements on Existing Punishments**

Ms. Jennifer Valencia, Director, Sentencing Commission, presented a summary from the April 6 Sentencing Commission meeting and distributed "2016 Legislative Sentencing Update," a summary of the 2016 General Session legislation that affects the sentencing of convicted persons. Ms. Valencia reviewed the fiscal impact of 2016 legislation that created new felonies or enhanced existing felonies.

Chair Ipson turned the chair over to Sen. Weiler.

**3. 2016 Interim Priority Study Items**

The committee discussed the four study items prioritized by the Legislative Management Committee: (1) death penalty costs and appeals process, (2) line of duty benefits for volunteer emergency responders, (3) private security amendments, and (4) continued implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

**4. Board of Pardons and Parole – Audit and Agency Update**

Mr. Greg Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, Board of Pardons and Parole, presented the findings of the recent audit of the Board of Pardons and Parole, including suggestions for improved planning, oversight, and structure; adoption of proven practices; implementation of an electronic record system; and

improvement of efficiency. Mr. Johnson outlined how the board is responding by shifting administrative duties, moving to electronic recordkeeping, and creating 10 best practice targets for structured decision making.

## **5. Long-Term Planning – Discussion**

Mr. Ron Gordon, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, distributed "CCJJ Long-Term Planning," discussed the commission's data on the impact of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and outlined the areas the commission is focusing on over the long term.

Mr. Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Corrections, presented "Issues for the Coming Year and Beyond," outlining the department's areas of focus over the long term. Mr. Haddon outlined the department's long-term priorities, which include improving training for correction officers, implementing the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and relocating the prison.

Mr. London Stromberg, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Corrections, discussed inmate direct supervision implementation.

Mr. Steve Gehrke, Director of Quality and Process Improvement, Utah Department of Corrections, addressed the most significant changes within the department resulting from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.

Mr. Jerry Pope, Director, Division of Institutional Operations, Utah Department of Corrections, discussed the issues that will have significant impacts on institutional operations, specifically restricted housing policies and the completion of a new correctional facility.

Mr. Steve Turley, Director, Administrative Services and Special Projects, Utah Department of Corrections, updated the committee on the relocation of the Draper prison facility to Salt Lake City.

## **6. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Ipson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.